

Special Education Advisory Council Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: September 16, 2009

Members present: Jean Haigh; Mary Barton; Eileen Guyette; Alice Angney; Adrienne Fisher; Karen Woolsey; Michael Giangreco; Ann Czar; Sandy Bartley; Ernie Wheeler

Discussion/ Topic	Suggested Actions/Follow-up	Person Responsible	Timeline
<p>TOPIC 1: Update of Jean's trip to the Office of Special Programs (OSEP) Leadership Conference in Washington DC.</p> <p>Attended several workshops and one specific to State Advisory Panels. Areas that were highlighted during the presentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase collaboration between State Advisory Council and Interagency Coordinating Council (children 0-3). 2. Looking at data, discipline and school-wide assessment data. 3. Review due process hearing reports with an eye towards findings of non-compliance* 4. OSEP may survey or interview as part of their on-site reviews of States 5. Majority must be parents of children with disabilities (from birth to age 26) or individuals with disabilities 6. Vermont Family Network needs representation 7. Use of teleconferencing for meetings (large states) 	<p>www.stateadvisorypanels.org</p> <p>This site has a copy of the presentation made in Washington.</p> <p>*According to OSEP, any finding or awareness of non-compliance must be addressed and corrected within one year of the finding.</p>	Jean Haigh	

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<p>TOPIC 1: OSEP Conference update continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Review of student data/information for those in juvenile detention centers 9. Review of information gathered from OSEP site visit 			
<p>TOPIC 2: Presentation to the State Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify time and location 2. Finalize presentation slides 3. Finalize AV equipment needs 4. Who will present? Adrienne, Michael and Sandy 5. Follow up – Not to ask them to follow up but rather to please consider our concerns in their development of goals for the school year to aid and assist all students in Vermont. <p>Key Points to the Finance portion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Auditing is necessary to retain accountability but system needs to be responsive and responsible 2. Funding should not drive practices but rather effective practices should be supported by funding 			

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<p>TOPIC 3: Comments to the Proposed State Rules</p> <p>Send a copy of the letter to Armando and the State Board...be more formal in the address, send it to Director rather than Karen.</p>	<p>Definition of FAPE – is it through 21 or to 21?</p>		

Special Education Advisory Council Agenda
Date: October 21, 2009

Site: 133 State Street 4th Floor Time: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Conference Room, Montpelier, VT

Facilitator: Mary Barton Note taker: Ernie Wheeler Timekeeper:

TIME	TOPIC	WHO	ITEM TYPE*	MEMBER(S) TO COMMENT
12:00	Presentation Update			
12:30	Handouts – OSEP presentation and need to review due process decisions			
1:00				
2:15				
3:00				